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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before February 28, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein. A Declaration by Dr. Claude Meares under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 accompanies this amendment. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Amdt. dated February 26, 2004

Reply to Office Action of October 28, 2003

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Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.